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None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We have interviewed and liked him; we are considering one assignment for which he may be suited. While he has native fluency in French, advanced fluency in Chinese, and some knowledge of other Romance languages, he does not have the qualifications for a staff job in the language program. We are reviewing his qualifications for another assignment now.

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2. again has been invited by the Office of Education to attend a one-day conference on 13 November to discuss foreign language provisions of the National Defense Education Act of 1958. As he will be out of town at that time, he is asking to attend in his place.

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3. Finals on UGF and PSAS

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Total estimated contribution by LAS to UGF: \$678.60.

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1. Twenty-five books were returned during the past two weeks. A memo is being prepared to send to the Training Officers regarding books that are long overdue.
2. Nine people were tested last week in Turkish, Czech, Korean, Thai, Italian and Finnish.
3. Fifty-two proficiency test were graded during the past week.
4. During the past week the following books were received by IAS/TR Library in 2129 "I" Building:

History of Chinese Civilization and Culture Carrington Goodrich
1 copy

Basic History of Modern Germany Louis L. Snyder 3 copies

Contemporary Africa: Continent in Transition T. Walter Wallbank
3 copies

American Capitalism: Its Promise and Accomplishment Louis M. Hacker
1 copy

Nationalism: Its Meaning and History Hans Kohn 1 copy

NATO, A Twentieth-Century Community of Nations Massimo Salvadori
1 copy

The North Atlantic Civilization Michael Kraus 1 copy

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. The second VLTP [] weekend exercise in French took place from 31 October through 2 November. Four students from French 302 and one from French 202 participated together with the two instructors concerned and two student guests. A VLTP instructor, [] and his wife were chaperones. Three additional VLTP instructors and [] spent all or part of the weekend with the group. All participants voted this second French VLTP exercise a rousing success.

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2. A meeting attended by [] was held November 4 to discuss ways to improve the Noontime Foreign Language Film Program. A new program will be announced in December, to begin the second week in January. Each week one film will be shown in Russian and one in another language, with maximum use made of new acquisitions. Ornstein will coordinate this activity.

3. At the special request of FE, [] went to an office in downtown Washington to test a contract employee in oral Japanese.

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4. The opportunity to obtain an additional typist from the pool has greatly helped matters in the Romance language department. The new typist, [] will share the load with [] who has been doing an outstanding job.

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1. Our crash offering of an Americans Abroad Orientation on Latin America was more successful than we had dared hope, and WH's TO [] has reported to us his division's general satisfaction with our effort. He has further assured us that WH will make this briefing mandatory for those going to that area for the first time. Most popular part of our first orientation was the very straightforward treatment of "The Importance of Latin America to the United States," by [] [] OCI.

2. The lecture on "Internal Security Forces" in Italy - Basic Country Survey #1, given by [] [] drew 10 auditors - largest total so far in this course - including SO/TR. Final session on Italian attitudes and behavior featured a panel of two guests of senior rank concentrating on the Italian's relationship to his national life. []

3. We have had several calls as a result of the October Bulletin article announcing our first senior-level Current Problems Seminar. EE, WE, IO, and OO/C all report interest among their staffs and an intention to enroll one or two members from each division.

4. On the basis of his participation in the recent offering of Effective Speaking, [] was rated as possessing a "Superior" potential in this activity.

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5. [] is enrolled in Conference Techniques and has chosen as the topic for the practice conference he will lead, "Should the Agency seek to effect economies in its Language Development Program by limiting the total number of awards per annum for proficiency in each of certain languages?"

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6. [] has departed. His exceptionally well organized files will give us a good start in developing the courses scheduled for spring on Eastern Europe.

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